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FOLLOWING REPEAT 070700Z AUG 74 FROM ADMIN CINCPAC REP  
GUAM TTPI MARIANAS ISLANDS ACTION SECSTATE INFO COMTWELVE  
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USUN NEW YORK APIA (BY POUCH) 7 AUGUST.

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L

FROM STATUS LNO 208(C)(JULY 19, 1974)

PASS INTERIOR FOR OMSN ACTION

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COMTWELVE FOR AMB WILLIAMS

WHITE HOUSE FOR NSC

STATE FOR EA/ANP, IO/UNP

DEFENSE FOR OSD/ISA

USUN FOR AMB WHITE

AMEMBASSY APIA FOR POL

SUBJECT: PALAUAN REQUEST FOR EXPERT ASSISTANCE FROM WESTERN SAMOA

REF: STATUS LNO 188 (NOTAL)

1. (C) SENATOR ROMAN TMETUCHL OF PALAU ON JULY 16 REQUESTED THAT  
CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA RELAY FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER  
OF WESTERN SAMOA: QUOTE DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER: THE US TRUST  
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TERRITORY IS FAST APPROACHING THE TIME WHEN OUR PEOPLE HAVE TO

MAKE A DECISION ON OUR FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS. THE PALAU DISTRICT, WHICH I REPRESENT IN THE SENATE OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, IS NOW FORMULATING ITS OWN CONSTITUTION AND IN LATE AUGUST WILL HOLD A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION TO CONSIDER AND ADOPT ITS OWN DISTRICT CONSTITUTION. BECAUSE OF ITS HISTORIC IMPORTANCE WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE BEST ADVICE AVAILABLE. WE ARE TURNING TO YOU AND YOUR GOVERNMENT BECAUSE YOU HAVE EXPERIENCED THE JOYS AND PROBLEMS OF BEING AN INDEPENDENT ISLAND NATION. WE WOULD THEREFORE, APPRECIATE IT VERY MUCH IF YOUR GOVERNMENT CAN AVAIL TO US FOR UP TO FOUR WEEKS THE SERVICES AND ADVICE OF A MEMBER OF YOUR GOVERNMENT WHO IS KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT THE ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS OF YOUR COUNTRY. WE WOULD LIKE SUCH PERSON TO BE IN PALAU IN MID AUGUST. BECAUSE OF OUR LIMITED BUDGET, WE CAN ONLY AFFORD TO PAY HIM OR YOUR GOVERNMENT \$1,000 FOR THE DURATION OF HIS STAY. IN ADDITION, WE WILL PAY FOR HIS TICKET FROM AND TO WESTERN SAMOA AND WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS ROOM AND BOARD WHILE HE IS IN PALAU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR RESPONSE. SENATOR ROMAN TMETUCHL, CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, KOROR, PALAU, WESTERN CAROLINE ISLANDS, 96940, END QUOTE.

2. (C) STATUS LNO HAS NOT BEEN OFFICIALLY INFORMED OF ABOVE REQUEST AND NO ACTION HAS BEEN REQUESTED OF THIS OFFICE.

3. (C) REFTTEL REPORTED APPROVAL OF LAW CALLING FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION QUOTE TO PREPARE A DRAFT CONSTITUTION FOR THE PALAU DISTRICT AND TO ASSESS AND ASCERTAIN THE POSITION OF THE PEOPLE OF PALAU WITH RESPECT TO THE MICRONESIAN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION. END QUOTE.

BERGESEN.

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